

Sarah Garcia

From: Bernice Blitz [berniceblitz@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, September 18, 2010 9:35 AM
To: Sarah Garcia - Comdev
Subject: I-4,C-2 proposal

Go t David Black Sculpture website to see what magnificent work he could bring to this parcel. As a native Gloucester artist ,prize winning sculptor,perhaps he could be persuaded to design some piece for his hometown that means so much to him if we could raise funds for the materials. He spoke at the Sawyer Library this August so fondly of his boyhood memories here and long family ties. Should definetely be persued. Bernice Blitz

Sarah Garcia

From: Robert Alves [captrja@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2010 3:53 PM
To: 'Sarah Garcia'; Carolyn Kirk - Mayor
Subject: RE: I4C2 - Bob Alves

Sarah, Looking forward to tomorrows meeting. My hope is to join others who believe transient boaters passing through Gloucester could greatly benefit our City. The new I4C2 w/ dingy/transient docks could and should act as a palatial entranceway to downtown.

I'm planning to speak to a member of the Chamber of Commerce before the meeting. Reason being, I also believe owners of dining establishments along with other store fronts would strongly support a passageway connecting the Harbor to their inner city store fronts.

Lastly, I was a transient boater visiting Boston this past weekend. While there, Faneuil Hall and the North End were bustling with people. A stranger musingly mentioned to me "This feels like the Mardi Gra". The reason was "3" Cruise Ships were in town for the weekend.

Please feel free to introduce me or share my email with anyone interested in bringing additional business to the inner city?

Best,
Bob Alves
C 617-899-3075

-----Original Message-----

From: Sarah Garcia [mailto:sgarcia@gloucester-ma.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2010 17:50
To: 'Robert Alves'; 'Carolyn Kirk - Mayor'
Subject: RE: I4C2 - Bob Alves

Bob,
Thank you. It's helpful to have your email. We will be getting the I4-C2 ideas out on the table on the 21st. I hope you'll come. There are others that have expressed similar thoughts about transient boating tie-ups and support on the property, so it would be a good place to make those connections and put together what it might look like. We're granting up to \$2500 to anyone who wants to hire someone to draw/design the piece that they see for the property.
Hope to see you there!
Best,
Sarah

Sarah Garcia, AICP

Community Development Director

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-----Original Message-----

From: Robert Alves [mailto:captrja@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2010 11:57 AM
To: Carolyn Kirk - Mayor
Cc: Sarah Garcia - Comdev
Subject: I4C2 - Bob Alves

Mayor Kirk, per our meeting earlier this summer "May 26th" which included the Harbor Master, I look forward to the Sept 21st I4 Brainstorming meeting.
However, I'm concerned with the below line item and believe it should be altered to

include recreational slips and transient dockageproviding a front door to our downtown businesses.

(c) the city's intention to continue to support the commercial fishing tenants currently docked there (I4C2).....

Below you will find a recap of my meeting with you and a subsequent meeting with Sarah Garcia.

Concern and possible recreational boating solutions:

Concerns:

- Gloucester Harbor viewed - not Transient Friendly
- Public Access to the Shore is sorely lacking
- Lose of opportunity to greatly increase downtown-activity and esthetic beauty
- Missing annual Yacht Club Cruises and word of mouth opportunities
- Nantucket, PTown, Hainesport, Edgartown, Situate, Newburyport, etc. are making \$\$\$ while improving the esthetic beauty of their community

Solution maps to I4C2

- Greatly increase inner Harbor Transient Moorings via changing "Redistricted Federal Zoning" off "State Fish Pier"
- Per the above add....I4C2 Large Public Dingy Dock with Transient Slips and easy access to Downtown \$
- Large Garbage Dumpsters charging per bag \$?
- Ice \$?
- Water \$?
- Showers \$?

I'd be more than happy to assist in any waypossible including the creation of a "Transient Boating Advisory Committee"?

Best,
Bob Alves
C 617-899-3075

Sarah Garcia

From: Michael Boucher [mbboucher@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2010 7:21 PM
To: Sarah Garcia - Comdev
Subject: I-4, C-2 Suggestion

Dear Mayor Kirk,

I am writing regarding your request for suggestions on the use of I-4, C-2. My wife Janine grew up in Gloucester. My father and his family also grew up in Gloucester. In fact my grandfather was a fisherman on schooners out of Nova Scotia and then Gloucester. My father worked on the waterfront for most all of his life. He also served in WWII and now has a brick at the beautiful WWII Memorial on the boulevard.

Regarding I4 C2, my wife Janine & I were driving by after the successful weekend concert had been held on the property. We both looked at each other, and at the same time, said, "Hatch Shell"!

A Hatch Shell similiar to the Hatch Shell on Storrow Drive along the Charles River in Boston. How wonderful would this be? It would not only be a source on community enjoyment and pride, but would also be an economic winner for the city. In addition, this type of venue, with the shell properly placed to one side would preserve the scenic view of the harbor as well.

I'm also familiar with the builders of th Boston hatch shell, O'Connor Constructors, Canton, MA. I could probably get you a contact name if interested. It would likely make sense to set up a designated board/commitee to organize and approve of performers. Or, it may make sense to have the city investigate what other cities do. In other words, do they hire an outside concert promoter?

I hope you will seriously consider our suggestion.

Sincerely,

Mike & Janine Boucher

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The I4C2 parcel is a great opportunity for Gloucester to provide a focal point for a plan to economically revitalize the City. Mayor Kirk should be commended for her leadership in acquiring this parcel and creating this opportunity from its weed-choked long-dormant status. Gloucester Harbor already has under-utilized capacity to accommodate a resurgent fishery and an industrial use on this parcel is unnecessary and may not be economically viable. Even putting economic realities and current federal regulatory fishery schemes aside, it is important for Gloucester to promote the visitor-based economy and better link Main Street with the harborfront. We need to think outside the box and outside the current DPA restrictions to envision a use or multi uses for this parcel for a brighter and more balanced overall economic future for Gloucester. Creating a harborfront destination with a world-class attraction like Salem's Peabody Essex Museum could provide a new economic engine to further drive the visitor-based sector and could be an important piece of the puzzle to help economically balance and revitalize Gloucester. A permanent home for the Farmer's Market and a large musical venue are needed by the City. The I4C2 parcel could be the perfect location to meet all these needs in a combined Gloucester Museum of Fishing Aquarium and Cape Ann Community Center which houses the Farmer's Market and a large performance venue. By partnering with existing fine institutions, primarily, the Gloucester Maritime Heritage Center, the Cape Ann Museum, and the Schooner Adventure, this new institution could provide a more integrated visitor experience. A new primary attraction need not supplant existing institutions as a rising tide raises all ships. A well designed Gloucester Museum of Fishing Aquarium and Cape Ann Community Center partnered with the Gloucester Maritime Heritage Center, the Cape Ann Museum, and the Schooner Adventure, would increase overall visitor levels to Gloucester and at all existing institutions and would feed outliers like Beauport and Hammond Castle. The Gloucester Museum of Fishing Aquarium's focus should be on the North Atlantic fishery and tell Gloucester's history of fishing with strong research and educational components. In terms of design, the Cape Ann Community Center portion, housing the Farmer's Market and performance venue, could be an open atrium plaza with a clear retractable roof and retractable exterior wall partitions for an open-air experience in good weather and functionality in inclement weather. If we could develop a wide-based community consensus for a multi-use community-based project, it could provide the political goodwill for City leadership to negotiate discretion and waivers from the State regarding the DPA, then only our imaginations would be the limit to what we could accomplish on the I4C2 parcel.

Daren Donovan
Gloucester, MA

Sarah Garcia

From: paul.towler@emdserono.com
Sent: Wednesday, September 22, 2010 12:25 PM
To: Sarah Garcia - Comdev
Subject: ideas for I4C2

Hello.

Ideas for I4C2.

1. Entrance to new harbor walk.
2. Floating dock system to accomodate existing lobstermen and free space for public harbor access.
3. Dock space for youth sailing program.
4. Dock space for transient boaters (2 hour limit) to access downtown shopping and restaurants. (large demand and untapped source of revenue)
5. Visitors center with ice and showers and information for transient boaters (aquarium?)
6. Create badly needed public access to harbor.
7. Would be nice to create prominent/visible connection to and from water similar to the way Boston Harbor hotel archway functions as welcoming connection between water front and city in Boston. Boston harbor walk is also an excellent model for us.

I know the city is trying to use the site to generate tax revenue but turning site over to private interests seems less productive than using the site to support public access/tourism/fishing and support downtown business which would indirectly generate substantial increases in revenue/business and improve quality of life for residents.

Nice job aquiring the site. Good luck with your plan.
Paul Towler
2 Brightside Avenue
Glooucester

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Sarah Garcia

From: Mary Lou Crane [mloucrane@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, September 18, 2010 2:03 PM
To: Sarah Garcia - Comdev
Subject: None

I enthusiastically support the idea of an aquarium and research center on the I4C2 parcel.
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